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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Remarks/Arguments:

The drawings were objected to because they do not include reference signs 26-28. Fig. 3 has been appropriately amended to include these reference signs.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Tucker et al. Claim 1 is amended to include features of claim 3, namely,

... wherein the loudspeakers are electrically coupled with one another...

Basis for these amendments may be found, for example, in the specification at page 7, lines 21-23 and Fig. 4.

Applicants' exemplary embodiment includes a plurality of speakers disposed on a printed circuit board. The speakers are aligned in a substantially straight manner for placement on the side of a TV receiver. (Fig. 1). The speakers may also be "...**electrically coupled with one another...**" (Page 7, lines 21-23 and Fig. 4).

The Examiner argues that Tucker et al. teaches that the loudspeakers in Fig. 4 are electrically coupled to each other. (Office Action, page 4, line 14 to page 5, line 2).. The speakers shown at Figs. 4 and 10 in Tucker et al., however, are not "...electrically coupled with one another..." Figs. 4 and 10 show a step of an assembly process. (Col. 8, lines 7-12). During this assembly process, eight speakers (ESLs or speaker areas) are "...connected by a fiberglass frame 38 with alignment holes 28." (Col. 9, lines 44-46). The speakers are then "...separated from the fiberglass frame 38 and each ESL is placed in a drying oven..." (Col. 10, lines 7-9). The reference is thus clear that the speakers are separated, i.e. there are no connections between them. That is, Figs. 4 and 10 do not show speakers in a finished product to be placed in a TV receiver. Thus, the speakers shown at Figs. 4 and 10 are not "...electrically coupled with one another..."

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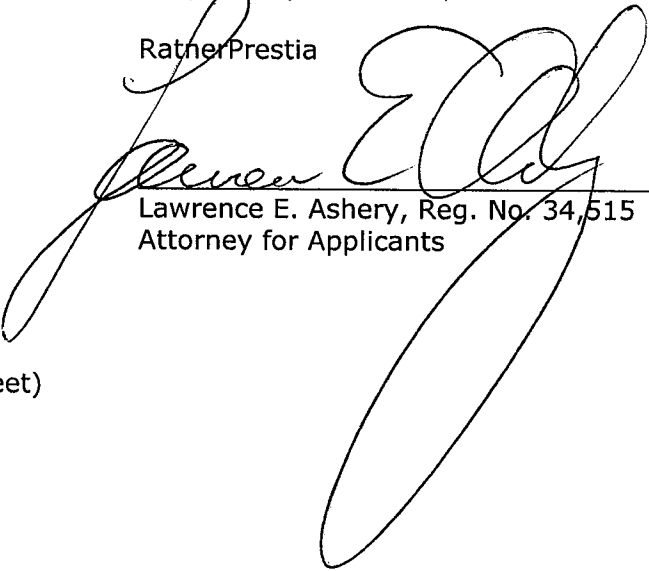
Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Claim 2 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 2 is allowable over the art of record for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 3-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tucker et al. and Applicants Admitted Prior Art. Claims 3-8 are also allowable because they depend from an allowable claim.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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Attachment: Replacement Fig. 3 (1 sheet)

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